

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7015

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud the Columbia Central High School football team on capturing the District 8AAA championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Vance Belew, the Columbia Central High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2009 season, establishing a record of thirteen wins and two losses and winning the District 8AAA championship; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Central Lions football team rolled through the playoffs on their way to the state title game, displaying their Herculean nature along the way, and propelling themselves to the Class 5A state championship game, held December 4, 2009, in Cookeville, taking from that contest the state runner-up trophy for their considerable efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Lions' memorable season was highlighted by the outstanding performances of Defensive MVP and All-State team member Tra'Darius Goff, Offensive MVP Zach Tate, Special Teams and All-State team member Bryant Belew, and All-District team members Chris Landwehr, Shaquille Mason, Drake Fleming, Rodney Lockridge, Robert Boyd, and Corey Matyskiela; Coach Belew was also recognized with Coach of the Year honors; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of Head Coach Vance Belew and Assistant Coaches Scotty Duncan, Tom Turchetta, Orlando Cox, John Moore, Dan Dickey, Rick Sykes, Wes Duncan, Jason Hoath, Aaron Hoath, Howard Stone, and Scott Yancey, are without peer; Coach Belew's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and

limiting mistakes, were perfectly on display during the Lions' run for the district championship; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a 3.13 team grade point average (GPA), the young men of the 2009 Columbia Central High School football team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance; Cordero Duncan, Bryant Belew, Ethan Myers, Robert Boyd, Danny Parker, James Shively; Chance Luna, Rodney Lockridge, Dillon Hudson, Shawn Risner, Corey Matyskiela, Edward Plant, Joshua Baxter, Drake Fleming, Tyree Scribner, Brittan Price, Wesley Cheatham, Devaris Mosley, Geronn Moore, Zach Tate, Chris Landwehr, Gerald Sisco, Haden Tate, John Robinson, Travis Booker, Michael Waters, Tra'Darius Goff, James Martin, Tre Tate, Jonathan Braden, Donovan Gaines, Ashton Matheny, Shaquille Mason, Luke Webb, Chancz McGee, Parke Wales, Kenneth Hughes, Rakeem Hutcherson, Greyson McCaig, John Harvey, Codie Bauman, Kei'Austin Jones, Sam Hubbell, Patrick Ritch, Steven Stearns, Jonathan Essaff Maxwell Caldwell, Rickey Dunn, Tavaris Norwood, Dylan Rebeor, Chris Price, Leshawn Moore, Javon Bullock, Eric Belew, Chris Harris, Dre Hall, Matthew Markham, Brad Cheatham, and Chris Martin, with the help of their coaches, parents, and supporters represented their school, community, and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the football field; and

WHEREAS, the Lions' remarkable season would not have been possible without the help and support of the Columbia Central school administration and support staff, including Principal Cindy Johnson, Athletic Director Lee Clayborne, Team Doctor Dr. Jeff Adams, Athletic Trainer Mike Backues, Videographer Bill Draper, Academic Coaches Lynn Roberts and Alex Bobo, and Student Managers Stevie Kerr, Shelby Dickens, Kendra Hanvy, Kaitlyn Sirak, and Billy Joe Davis; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible District 8AAA championship season, the members of the 2009 Columbia Central High School football team have etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this Body joins the administration, faculty, students, alumni, and community of Columbia Central High School in congratulating the Lions football coaches and players on their district championship season, and wish them every future success, both on and off the gridiron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.